



**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
CITY REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The City Review Commission held its public meeting in the Planning & Economic Development Department, 5th Floor, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, Paisano Conference Room, March 6, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

The following were present:

City Review Committee Members Present:

Chair Philip Etiwe, Planning and Economic Development, Development Review Manager

Mr. Daniel Chavira, Building Permits & Inspections, Plans Examiner

Ms. Esther Guerrero, Planning and Economic Development, Planner

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Sol Cortez, City Attorney's Office, Assistant City Attorney

Mr. David Coronado, Planning and Economic Development, Lead Planner

Ms. Laura Kissack, Planning and Economic Development, Senior Planner

Ms. Melissa Granado, Planning and Economic Development, Senior Planner

Mr. Michael Neligh, Building Permits & Inspections, Senior Plans Examiner

Member of the Public:

Dr. Richard Teschner, Rim Area Neighborhood Association

1. Call to Order/Chair's Comments/Public Comment

Chair Coronado called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

FOR THE RECORD

Chair Etiwe stated for the record that the applicant was not present for this meeting.

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2. **PLRG12-00006** East ½ of Lots 6-10, Block 146, Alexander Addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

LOCATION: 2121 Saint Vrain
ZONE: R-3/NCO (Residential/Neighborhood Conservancy Overlay)
REQUEST: Repair and finish replacement; new windows and doors, new carport.

Ms. Kissack gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained the applicant is requesting that the City Review Committee review and authorize the release of permits for property located at 2121 Saint Vrain, corner of Saint Vrain and University. The project's scope of work entails repair and renovation of all facades, construction of a new open carport, chimney upgrades and replacement of doors and windows. All work will be done in accordance with the Rim/University Neighborhood Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** based on the following Design Standards:

1. Building Setback and Site Development

- (b) Site layout, scale and mass of new construction shall be generally compatible with existing development in the same block; and

2. Architectural Styles and Materials

- (b) The use of shapes, exterior wall colors, and design features which are substantially different from the shapes, exterior wall colors and design features in the Neighborhood shall not be permitted; and

9. Maintenance

- (a) All residences and other structures on a property shall be maintained in good condition and repair at all times.

Chair Etiwe asked if Committee Members had any comments and/or questions.

Ms. Guerrero noted this request must also be approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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Mr. Neligh concurred and clarified for the carport. Mr. Neligh explained he has provided the applicant the necessary ZBA information; however, he was unsure whether or not the applicant has submitted a ZBA application at this time.

The following commented:

1. Dr. Teschner asked if the garage would be used as a garage for parked cars. He stated that the problem with the word *carport* is that it gives the impression the owner is seeking to expand the number of parking spaces on her property. Just so that it is understood that the property owner is not trying increase the amount of parking space on her property. There is objection to increasing parking on properties.
2. Staff and Dr. Teschner discussed the definition and purpose of a carport.
3. Ms. Guerrero clarified property owners are allowed to park two vehicles within the garage and two vehicles within the driveway as long as it is still within the property.
4. Chair Etiwe clarified this is not a commercial property, this is a residential property; furthermore, the applicant has met all the requirements of the Code.
5. In that case, Dr. Teschner had no objection.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Guerrero, seconded by Mr. Chavira **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE APPLICANT WILL HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

Motion passed.

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4. Approve the Minutes for the past CRC Meeting(s):
February 2, 2012

Chair Etiwe asked if Committee Members had any additions/corrections/revisions.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Coronado, seconded by Mr. Chavira **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2012 MINUTES AS PRESENTED WITH NO CHANGES.**

ABSTAIN: Chair Etiwe, Ms. Guerrero

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Etiwe adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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